

Alabama County-By-County Breakdown Shows the Harm of Not Extending Unemployment Insurance

12,000 in Alabama set to lose coverage statewide

If Congress fails to extend the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program more than 12,000 people in Alabama will lose their insurance coverage immediately on Dec. 28. An additional 18,800 people in Alabama will lose their coverage in the first six months of 2014 if Republicans continue to block an extension of the program.

Federal unemployment insurance took effect in 2008 and has been reauthorized several times since as Americans continue to recover from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Despite the real progress the economy has made since its near collapse in 2008, there are still 1.3 million fewer jobs than there were before the recession began and long-term unemployment as a percentage of the unemployed is 37 percent, near historic highs.

Failure to extend federal unemployment insurance would also hurt job growth throughout the nation, costing the economy 240,000 jobs, according to the White House Council of Economic Advisers. The CEA estimates that in Alabama alone, failing to extend the program will cost 1,083 jobs.

COUNTY	# OF PEOPLE LOSING COVERAGE DEC. 28
AUTAUGA	120
BALDWIN	353
BARBOUR	69
BIBB	50
BLOUNT	94
BULLOCK	54
BUTLER	96
CALHOUN	473
CHAMBERS	78
CHEROKEE	30
CHILTON	79
CHOCTAW	25
CLARK	99
CLAY	28
CLEBURNE	24
COFFEE	120
COLBERT	148
CONECUH	42
COOSA	50
COVINGTON	127
CRENSHAW	35

CULLMAN	154
DALE	128
DALLAS	217
DEKALB	110
ELMORE	155
ESCAMBIA	75
ETOWAH	245
FAYETTE	48
FRANKLIN	71
GENEVA	61
GREENE	34
HALE	69
HENRY	39
HOUSTON	261
JACKSON	137
JEFFERSON	1786
LAMAR	36
LAUDERDALE	218
LAWRENCE	88
LEE	190
LIMESTONE	170
LOWNDES	53
MACON	62
MADISON	899
MARENGO	40
MARION	51
MARSHALL	201
MOBILE	1343
MONROE	65
MONTGOMERY	704
MORGAN	307
PERRY	52
PICKENS	59
PIKE	75
RANDOLPH	42
RUSSELL	62
STCLAIR	185
SHELBY	200
SUMTER	32
TALLADEGA	287
TALLAPOOSA	140
TUSCALOOSA	307

WALKER	197
WASHINGTON	50
WILCOX	60
WINSTON	77
TOTAL	12,036